

level. I guess the only argument for this is that if you think at some point down the road some legislative Executive Board is not going to distribute the policy manual, is going to reject it out of hand, they could still do this. I guess all they have to do is develop one that would be blank paper, if they chose to change it. But I don't see where that's going to happen. I don't know that this is much ado about nothing. The process is there, the policy manual has been formulated, it's been disseminated amongst the members. I don't know that it needs to be recognized in statute either.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Lynch, you're next, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, I would also rise to oppose the proposal by Senator Warner. I think we all understand and know traditionally, and also within our own rules the responsibilities of all of our committees, including the Executive Committee. In our absence the Executive Committee has unique responsibilities, and has in fact been able to carry those out. I'm not sure what need or what circumstances developed that would cause this kind of an amendment to be proposed at the present time. Senator Beutler mentioned that we could, if we don't have this, go back to the terrible old ways. Not too long ago in this session I remember suggesting that we change those terrible old ways so that each one of the three congressional districts could have equal and fair representation on committees, and he opposed that, of course. Also, not too long ago, within the last week someone from the fiscal office came around and asked if I would support a movement by apparently the Executive Committee to have Jack Rodgers moved from the responsibility, or from the office, or from the supervision he now works under and have him work directly with the Executive Committee. I have no objection to that, and I told him that. So that's an example of where on occasion, determined by whoever might be the Chairman of the Executive Committee, and since that Chairman is elected by this body I think we should not tie down any more than we already have tied down in the statutes those responsibilities. I think they are adequately and clearly defined, and there is no real need for this at all. I would suggest that we can make too many laws. We can suggest too many rules, and we can tie down procedure so that there is in fact no flexibility, and in fact inhibit meaningful administration of our own responsibilities. So I would respectfully suggest that there is no need for this at